

# Commissioners in action

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**LAKE COUNTY** - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufdriess, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elaszczak at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Aug. 4. The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.

At the July 28 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

## RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution to advertise for bids for bulk rock salt and cinders for the Lake County Engineer's Road Department with a bid opening date of Aug. 17.

- Resolution authorizing the Lake County Commissioners to pursue federal funding for the Morley Road Resurfacing Project in Concord Township.

Since Lake County Engineer Jim Gills is sponsoring the improvements, the commissioners needed to approve the resolution to have the project placed on the Northeast Ohio Coordinating Agency (NOACA) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Gills applied for federal transportation funding and will pay the matching funds from his office's budget.

The project involves resurfacing and widening Morley Road from Pinecrest Road to Hoose Road and from Prouty Road to state Route 84. The distance is about 2.91 miles for an estimated cost of \$2.91 million.

- Resolution awarding a proposal contract to the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. in the amount of \$17,899.75 for bridge load rating services for bridge load rating - Round 3 - PID 90189.

- Resolution Authorizing Changer Order No. 4-Final For The Lak-Fairgrounds Road Improvement Project, PID 80542, to JTO, Inc.

The change order cost is \$1,466.91, bringing the final

cost to \$2,396,894.28.

## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing execution of an engineering agreement with GGC Engineers for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

The waterline on Forest Road in Eastlake has been determined to be inadequate for the needs of the area. The estimated cost for replacement is \$450,000.

The engineering fees will be about \$41,000.

- Resolution establishing tap-in charges for Mount Royal Sanitary Sewer Extension, Phase 1, Concord Township for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for LCDU Water District, Sewer District and Solid Waste District minor equipment and small tools and transferring appropriations from LCDU Sewer District workers compensation to contract repairs.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for Orton Road Tank Painting 325W contract projects and transferring cash from LCDU Water District transfer out to Orton Road Tank Painting 325W transfer in.

- Resolution establishing a fund to be known as Lakeshore Boulevard Waterline Replacement 332W with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.

- Resolution hiring Richard Inghram to the position of system maintenance I in the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective Aug. 15.

## JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing execution of a professional service agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services and starting point for the Lake County \$43,286, effective Aug. 1 through June 30, 2012.

- Resolution appointing Allen Weaver to the Lake County Workforce Investment Board to complete an unexpired term ending Feb. 14, 2013.

## COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution authorizing execution of contract between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Central Exterminating Co., effective July 1, through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$8,480.

It was noted this was \$200 per month less than what was previously being paid.

This contract is for repairs and tuck pointing on the clock tower.

- Resolution accepting a proposal by Gabor Enterprises for repairs to the Lake County Courthouse clock tower, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between and the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Taylor Consulting Group in an amount not to exceed \$5,354 for the Roof Replacement Project at the Victims Assistance offices.

- Resolution authorizing purchase of AT&T Opt-E-MAN Internet Service via the state of Ohio in an amount not to exceed \$16,910.40.

This is for service for the first year of a five-year contract.

The change drops the monthly cost for Internet service from \$3,758.50 to \$1,409.20.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$1,011,263.77.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$372,276.38.

21. Resolution increasing and decreasing appropriations for various non general fund accounts.

- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
"In 2012, the Census Bureau takes a census of governments; this is done every five years (years ending in two and seven)," Commissioner Dan Troy said. "They basically compile organizational data on the characteristic and number of governments; employment data, the number of employees and payroll, the finance data (including) revenues and expenditures, debts and assets."

Previous census information has shown there was not a lot of growth in governments, and if there was, it was special service governmental agencies such as storm water districts.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel, real estate and security.

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## Use of Lake Erie water won't deplete resource

**B**rent Larkin is wrong. He opposes new businesses using Lake Erie water because that will lower the lake and leave "boats sitting in the mud" ("Lake-saving veto is a promise kept," July 24). His column is long on rhetoric, emotion and name-calling and short on facts.

Most water pumped out does not leave the Lake Erie basin. Whether it hardens steel, makes orange pop or cools a generator, the water eventually flows back in.

To temporarily lower the lake one inch would require pumping 167 billion gallons over the continental divide. That is more water than flows over Niagara Falls in three days. A one-inch rain adds those 167 billion gallons right back in. Niagara Falls gets rid of the lake's natural surplus water overflow, 43 billion gallons a day.

Ohio is rejecting full-time factory jobs and seeking summertime charter-boat jobs. That is nonsense. Businesses that utilize Lake Erie water create jobs, profits and taxes. They locally produce items customers want to buy. Everyone wins. As long as businesses obey environmental laws, we can't let government get in the way.

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